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TUROK
"GOOD THINGS COME..."
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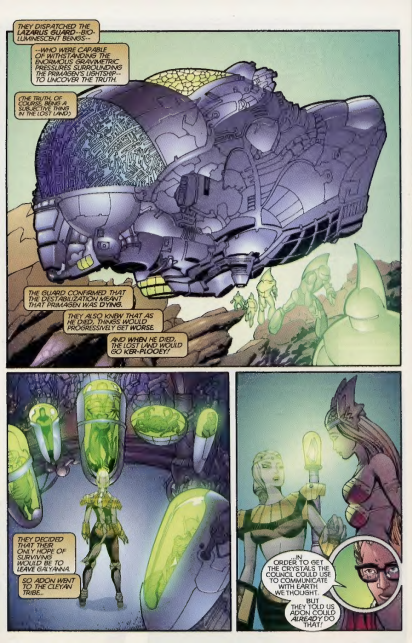
LONG STORY SHORT:
JOSH FOUND OUT THE PRESIDENT WAS ACTUALLY A DINOSOID IN DISGUISE (THEY LIVE AMONG US IN HIDING).
EXPOSED HIM AND DISCOVERED THE CONSPIRACY WENT DEEPER THAN JUST THE "BAD GUY" DINOSOIDS OF THE AMARANTHINE ACCORDANCE TRYING TO RECLAIM EARTH AS THEIR OWN.
WE LEARNED THAT HUMANS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RESIDENTS OF GALYANNA, THE LOST LAND (AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL "SEWER OF THE UNIVERSE").
ONLY TUROKS HAD EVER DONE THAT BEFORE.
--ALL THIS?!
WE FIGURED OUT THAT THE SOLIDARITY ORDER (GOOD GUY DINOSOIDS AND HUMANS COVERTLY WORKING TOGETHER) WERE TRYING TO CREATE A BRIDGE BETWEEN EARTH AND GALYANNA.
AND THAT JOSH'S PEOPLE-- THE NATIVE SAQUIN TRIBE-- WERE HELPING THEM DO THIS.
SO JOSH AND VIVIAN ROLLED AROUND IN THE HAY (NOT LIKE THAT) AND WHEN EVERY-ONE CALMED DOWN, WE ALL WENT INTO VILLAGE ELDER MARTIN SUNHOPE'S HOUSE.
(AND YES, THAT IS THE SHORT VERSION.)
ONCE INSIDE, I ASSUMED VIV WAS TAKING US INTO THE DINING ROOM...

HOW FAR DOWN DOES THIS GO?
FOREVER.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THE SAQUINS HAVE HARBORED IT HERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, JOSHUA--
--DID YOU THINK WE WOULD LET IT GO WITHOUT PUTTING THIS KIND OF USABLE ARCHIVE MATERIAL?
OH, LIKE A MUSEUM, HUH? YOU COULD CHARGE ADMISSION.
I SET THE FEELING THIS IS MORE THAN A TROPHY CASE.
I SHOULD HAVE ASKED HOW IS THIS PLACE?
IT IS FAR TOO CUMBERSOME TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, JOSHUA.
CAL JAKASHAWAH, THE SAQUIN "MAYOR"--A HARD-ASS AND VIV'S FATHER-IN-LAW.
OUCH. REST, CAL. HERE WE HOLD ME TOO!
"IF MY PA ROCKY HAS HIDING IN THE STOVE, WOULD I TURN ON THE GAS?"

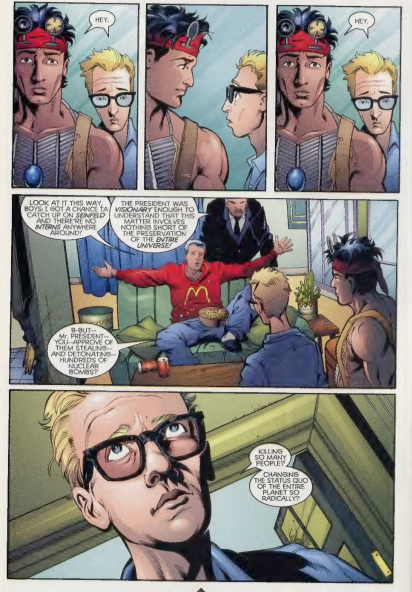
YOU GOT THE MORE FOR YOU YET.
THERE'S RIFF?
BUT WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ALMOST IN THIS?
WHAT, BAR--?
LOOK FAMILIAR?
THE COMMUNICATIONS CRYSTAL FROM THE TRIBE!
AND THEY'RE BEING USED TO MAINTAIN SOME KIND OF STABLE FOUR GATE?
YOU'RE NOT JUST HOOVERED IT WAS YOU WHO ACTUALLY WENT INTO THE LOST LAND AND TRADED WITH THE CLEYANS!
DID YOU ALSO KIDNAP THE PRESIDENT?
WHY??
ANSWER ME!
TO PREVENT THE FABRIC OF ALL REALITY FROM TEARING APART AND DESTROYING THE WHOLEMAN UNIVERSE!
OH. GOOD REASON.

SO THEY FINALLY SPILLED THE BEANS.
THE SOLIDARITY ORDER AND THE SAQUINS HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY A WOMAN NAMED AEON.
SHE WAS THE AMBASSADOR FOR FOREVER LIGHT. THE ONLY PLACE IN THE LOST LAND WHERE ALL THE DIFFERENT RACES TRY TO LIVE IN PEACE!!
THE PETITIONED THE HEADS OF THE ORDER FOR HELP.
THE LOST LAND--WHICH IS A PRETTY UNSTABLE PLACE TO BEGIN WITH, SINCE IT'S MADE UP OF CHUNKS OF LAND AND WORLD SWEPT THERE BY A WORMHOLE ANTIMATTER TEMPORAL STORM!--WAS ACTING EVEN MORE UNSTABLE THAN USUAL.
EARTHQUAKES, WHICH WERE ACTUALLY RUPTIONS OF TIME AND SPACE WERE OCCURING WITH GROWING FREQUENCY.
THE COUNCIL OF VOICES (THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY WHICH RUNS THE CITY OF FOREVER LIGHT) NEEDED TO FIND OUT WHY...


THEY DISPATCHED THE LAZARUS GUARD—BIO-LUMINESCENT BEINGS—
—WHO WERE CAPABLE OF INTERCEPTING THE ENORMOUS GRAVIMETRIC PRESSURES SURROUNDING THE PRIMARCH'S LIGHTSHIP—TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH.
THE TRUTH OF COURSE, BEING A SUBJECTIVE THING IN THE LOST LAND.
THE GUARD CONFIRMED THAT THE DISTABILIZATION MIGHT THAT PRAXEDIN WAS DYING.
THEY ALSO KNEW THAT AS HE DIED, THINGS WOULD PROGRESSIVELY GET WORSE.
AND WHEN HE DIED, THE LOST LAND WOULD GO KER-PLOOEY!
THEY DECIDED THAT THEIR ONLY HOPE OF SURVIVING WOULD BE TO LEAVE OSTYRIA.
SO, ADON WENT TO THE CUSTAN TRIBE.
IN ORDER TO GET THE CRYSTALS THE COLONISTS NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH EARTH, WE THOUGHT.
BUT THEY TOLD US ADON COULD ALREADY DO THAT!

SHE WANTED THE CRYSTALS BECAUSE THEIR FREQUENCY RESONANCE WOULD STABILIZE A COLD GATE--
WHICH IS WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT IN MARTIN SUNHOPE'S BASEMENT.
A PERMANENT OPENED DOORWAY BETWEEN EARTH AND THE LOST LAND!
SO A GROUP OF SADLINE AND SOLIDARITY ORDER MEMBERS WENT TO EARTHNOW TO FINALIZE THE PLANS.
THERE HAS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DOORWAY LARGE ENOUGH TO LET PEOPLE PASS THROUGH--
--AND ONE THAT WOULD LET THE WHOLE CONTINENT OF AFRICA PASS THROUGH!
AND THAT'S WHERE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEING STOLEN CAME INTO PLAY!
MILLION MEGATON EXPLOSIONS WOULD CREATE WHAT THEY WERE CALLING THE UNIFICATION BREEZE
ON THE PLUS SIDE, PHYSICALLY JOINING THE WORLDS WOULD END THE WAR ON EARTH AND PREVENT ANY FUTURE THREATS FROM THE LOST LAND.
ON THE DOWN SIDE, HALF THE EARTH'S POPULATION WOULD BE WIPED OUT IN THE MERGING PROCESS?
? AND TO ALL OF THIS, LOSHIA SAID...

ARE ALL OF YOU OUT OF YOUR %$#@ING MINDS?
QUITE THE OPPOSITE. WE'RE TAKING A BOLD STEP FORWARD FOR THIS PLANET'S FUTURE.
AND ALL IT WILL COST ARE THE LIVES OF A FEW BILION PEOPLE!
PRETTY KOOKY, I AGREE.
BUT IT EXPLAINS WHY THEY NEEDED TO KIDNAP AND REPLACE THE PRESIDENT--TO SECURE FISSIONABLE MATERIALS.
AND ALL BECAUSE MONTHS AGO, I STOPPED THOSE DINOSOIDS TRYING TO STEAL PLUTONIUM*?
* SEE TUROK: REDPATH. -- OMAR
WHO SAID ANY-THING ABOUT KIDNAPPING HIM?
HEY.


HEY.
HEY.
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, BOYS. I GOT A CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON SEINFELD AND THERE'S NO INTERNS ANYWHERE AROUND!
THE PRESIDENT WAS VISCOUSLY ENCOURS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MATTER INVOLVES NOTHINS SHORT OF THE FUTURE EXISTENCE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!
M-MUT--MR. PRESIDENT--YOU--APPROVE OF THEM STEALING--AND DETONATING--HUNDREDS OF NUKE BOMBS?
KILLING SO MANY PEOPLE?
CHANGING THE STATUS QUO OF THE ENTIRE PLANET SO RADICALLY?

SON--BE REALISTIC--#1) IF WE *DON'T* DO THIS, THE UNIVERSE IS GONNA BE FLUSHED DOWN THE BIG BANG CRAPPER ANYWAY
#2) THIS UNIFICATION BRIDGE DOESN'T NEED TA BE BUILT FOR ANOTHER *TWO HUNDRED YEARS*
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS DECISION IS GOING TO COST *ME* ANY ELECTIONS!
AS HARD AS IT WAS FOR HIM TO FIT THE PUZZLE PIECES TOGETHER, AS BITTER AS IT WAS TO SWALLOW THAT HIS OWN FAMILY WAS BETRAYING HIM
--TO THEN BE TOLD THAT IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF SOMETHING THAT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN FOR TWO CENTURIES, WELL...
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TRUST WHAT MY OWN PEOPLE--MY OWN SISTER ARE TELLING ME!
I KNOW
I *HAVE* TO FIND OUT
I KNOW YOU DO
YOU HAVE TO STAY HERE
I KNOW
AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE?

WHAT'S THE HELL OUT OF ME.
THERE WAS NOTHING EASY ABOUT THIS JOB.
I WAS SO TENSE ABOUT THE SITUATION, IT FELT LIKE I HAD A COLOSTOMY BAG PUMPING SAND INSIDE ME.
I COULD ONLY IMAGINE HOW JOSH WAS FEELING
THEN AGAIN, HE WAS THE CALM ONE
THE CITY-STATE OF FOREVER LIGHT IS THE ONLY ORGANIZED SAFE HAVEN IN GALAVANIA
LIKE JESSE JACKSON'S RAINBOW COALITION COME TO LIFE
NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WASN'T EVERYDAY THAT A TUROK SHOWED UP BOTH BARRELS DRAWN AND RANTING LIKE A LUNATIC.
I WANT ANSWERS NOW!

IS THERE A PROBLEM?
GHEE GHEE
CHIK SNIK
CHIK SNIK
THEY ARE HERE THEY ARE THERE THEY ARE EVERY WHERE
THANK YOU DR SEUSS WORK WITH ME HERE
YOU CANNOT FIND THE COUNCIL OF VOICES
BUT IF YOU NEED THEM THEY WILL FIND YOU

SO... JOSH WENT OFF TO SEARCH FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDED TO FIND HIM.
HE'D ONLY BEEN IN FOREVER LIGHT ONCE BEFORE, PARTICIPATING IN A DINOSAUR RODEO.
AND AS HE SAW EVERYTHING THIS INCREDIBLE PLACE HAD TO OFFER--
--ALIEN RACES LIVING SIDE-BY-SIDE IN PEACE--
--AN UNIMAGINABLE MELDING OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE, CUSTOMS, AND LANGUAGES--
--JOSH SAID HE BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE AND HIS PEOPLE WANTED TO PRESERVE IT ALL.
WHY MAYBE EVEN THE FATE SACRIFICE OF BILLIONS ON EARTH WOULD BE WORTH SAVING ALL THIS.
HOW DO YOU MAKE A CHOICE LIKE THAT?

JOSHUA FIRESEED, THE TUROK KNOWN AS THE COYOTE KNIGHT.
...WE ARE THE LAZARUS GUARD.
KEEPERS OF THE PEACE IN FOREVER LIGHT.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LINEAGE YOUR INTENTIONS HERE ARE NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CONCORDANCE
I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR A FIGHT...
BUT WHAT THE COUNCIL IS PLANNING
MAYBE IT'LL SAVE YOUR CITY, BUT IT WILL KILL A LOT OF PEOPLE ON EARTH. DO YOU THINK THAT'S RIGHT?
KLIK
HMMMM

THAT IS NOT FOR US TO DETERMINE.
WE HAVE ONLY OUR APPOINTED TASK TO PERFORM.
WE ARE KEEPERS OF THE PEACE IN FOREVER LIGHT.
FKCHOOM
FKCHOOM
FKCHOOM
FKCHOOM
SQUISH
CRAP

FASHAASH
LIGHTS ON MEANT LIGHTS OUT FOR JOSH.
HE SAID HE PROBABLY DESERVED THE HEADACHE
HE NOW HAD THE DUBIOUS HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST TUROK TO EVER FIRE A WEAPON WITHIN AND AGAINST FOREVER LIGHT
AND WHEN HE WOKE UP, HE WAS FULLY EXPECTING LAWRENCE OLIVIER IN MARATHON MAN
?!
WELCOME, JOSHUA, NEPHEW OF CARL THE SECONDARY
I APOLOGIZE FOR OUR NECESSARY USE OF FORCE

HEY, IF THAT'S GOING TO BE YOUR WAKE-UP CALL, THEN YOU CAN JUST KEEP KNOCKING ME OUT!
Uhm... YOU WOULD BE ADON, RIGHT?
ADON, SPEAKER OF FOREVER LIGHT.
AMBASSADOR TO THE COUNCIL OF VOICES, ARBITERS OF THE SAFELANDS, AND FOUNDERS OF HARMONY.
MUST BE ONE HELL OF A BUSINESS CARD.
MIND LETTING ME OUT OF THIS?
IF YOU ASSURE TO CURTAIL YOUR VIOLENCE.
OKAY OKAY-- MAYBE I CAME LOOKING FOR A FIGHT BUT YOU CAN'T BLAME ME
ZZKKCH
YOU'VE BEEN CONSPIRING WITH MY PEOPLE TO DESTROY A CHUNK OF MY PLANET SO THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE
WALK WITH ME, COYOTE KNIGHT, AND LET US TALK.

OUR SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG, BY NECESSITY, IS RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.
EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY IN GALVANNI IS AN ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.
THE GRATIFICATION BADGE WE ARE BUILDING WILL BRING THE BEST THAT WORLD HAS TO OFFER TO YOUR PEOPLE.
IN THE GRANDER SCHEME OF THINGS, HOW INSIGNIFICANT ARE THE LIVES OF A FEW, OR A FEW MILLION, IN COMPARISON?
JUNK JUNK JUNK
FRAKKA
FRACHOOM
NO!

KRASH
A VERY GOOD QUESTION ADON
NOW WE HAVE TWO CENTURIES
...PLUS A FEW MORE YEARS
SMAK
THAT SAT ABOUT AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED WITH JOSH'S SISTER
AND WITH THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OVER THE PRESIDENT WENT BACK TO WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN WHAT
SMAK

AND EVERYTHING WENT BACK TO WHAT PASSES AS NORMAL IN JOSH'S LIFE.
JOSH POSITIONED HIMSELF AS, IF NOT AN ENEMY, THEN AT THE LEAST NO LONGER AN ALLY, OF HIS OWN FAMILY--
--THE SAQUINS--THE SOLIDARITY ORDER--DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AUTHORITY--THE CITY OF FOREVER LIGHT--
I GET THE PICTURE. THANKS.
NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH, YOU NEVER RETURNED NANCY CARTER'S CALLS.
WHO? Oh, THAT GIRL WHO KEPT CALLING ME?
SHE DIDN'T LET UP?
MAYBE IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK?
JOSH NANCY CALLED. 3.20 -- JESS
JOSHUA-- NANCY CALLED. AGAIN! 8.30--
JOSH-- NANCY CARTER CALLED.-- PW
YEAH, I'M SO IRRESISTIBLE.
NOK NOK
MUST BE ANOTHER ADMIRER.
YES--?
I KNOW JOSHUA IS HERE. I HAVE TO SPEAK WITH HIM--

--AND OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T WAIT MUCH LONGER!
JOSH -- NANCY CALLED. 3:20 -- JESS
JOSHUA-- NANCY CALLED AGAIN!
JOSH-- NANCY CARTER CALLED.-- PW
WOW!
WHAT A WAY TO END A SERIES! BUT TRUST US -- WE'LL ONLY LEAVE YOU IN SUSPENSE UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

WHAT'S in the

OMAR SAYS GOODBYE:

This is another in the series (collect them all) of me saying goodbye to another part of the VH-2 Universe. TUROK was one of those books that Lynaire and I backed into (if I can remember correctly, no one else wanted it). We got it and didn't know what the hell we were going to do with it. We didn't even have an artist in mind. Enter Rafael Kayanan. Raf showed up at the office one day to show his portfolio to Fabian. He was asked to do some preliminary sketches on all the characters. He showed up next week with them and we were blown away. He put onto paper everything that Fabian had envisioned for Turok. This was a no-brain hire. Raf became the artist on the book and we took off from there. From then on a lot of other stuff started to fall into place.

We did a proposal up for a Turok toyline, that finally will come to fruition in October, with some awesome action figures. (Check out the diorama that they did up, better reserve your copy).

When Fabian decided to take Turok monthly we realized that Raf couldn't handle penciling and inking a monthly comic, so we had to find an inker for him. Enter Don Hillsman, who through his persistence and amazing talent came on board and inked the four issues of the monthly. I think he did a smokin' job, and hopefully you all do too. So once again thanks to everyone who worked on this book, and to everyone who picked up an issue of Turok and thought Barry Hackewiltz was a man's man.

OMAR SAYS HELLO AGAIN:

Moving on, this coming September you will see Turok, but in a different light. Based on the highly anticipated sequel to the million dollar selling Turok: Dinosaur Hunter video game. TUROK 2:SEEDS OF EVIL comes out that fall and adapts and enhances the videogame storyline. Coming to you in an all-new 8 1/2 x 11 format, this comic book magazine will give you awesome art, interviews with the game designers and tips and tricks to defeat Primagen, the omnipotent being who created the Lost Land--who is out to destroy it, and our universe along with it! Can Josh, Barry Hackowitzz and the Speaker of Forever Light, Adon stop him? With stunning art by Mat Broome, Sean Parsons and the Digital Broome coloring team (the whole gang did some killer work on WILD-CATS/X-MEN), this book is going to be the bomb!

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BAG?

OMAR FINALLY KNOWS THE INTERNET:

And just in case you can't wait until September to see Turok, have we got a treat for you! If you have access to the Internet and you go to the Acclaim website **right now** you'll be able to see previews of the Turok 2 video game, and a weekly update of comic related matrrial. And in the coming months, you'll get a sneak-peak at an exclusive on-line prequel comic by Fabian Nicieza and Dan (Uncanny X-Men) Norton that tells the story about what happened after the first video game, and helps set the storyline for Turok 2, and also features a battle of wills between two Turoks!!!

So there you have it. That's what's in the works down in the wilds of Glen Cove. Not too shabby, eh? See you this fall!!

–Omar
(Vice-President of the Barry Hackowitz fan club)

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ALSO OUT THIS MONTH:

QUANTUM & WOODY #17
FINAL ISSUE. Is this the END of Quantum and Woody? As a result of their adventure last issue, the heroes dissolve their partnership and head to Paris, where they find themselves hunted by police (they did brutally attack and nearly kill a global terrorist, remember?). Believe it or not, the French police actually capture our "no longer the worst super hero" team and throw them in jail, where they are bailed out by the last person either of them would expect to see. It's enough to make a couple of reluctant super heroes resume their heroic identities for one final showdown with Magneto and the deadly War Locks!
By Priest, Bright and Adams

TROUBLEMAKERS #19
FINAL ISSUE. A cabal of humans has empowered itself to defend humanity from the ever-increasing superhuman problem, and the first strike is against the "neohuman" RABBLEROUSERS created by G&G renegade Katherine Desmond. When they turn to the Troublemakers for help, what do the kids do? What marks the measure of humanity?
By Nicieza, West and Davis

ETERNAL WARRIORS:
THE IMMORTAL ENEMY
FINAL ISSUE. Mog has assumed leadership of the Forever Family, and Year doesn't like it one bit. So who else can Year get to take care of his Dad? Why Mom, of course. And you know, when Mom's not happy, nobody's happy. The Immortal Enemy is no June Cleaver. She's mean, she's nasty and she's out to get Dad back in his place. What does the future hold for the Eternal Warriors? Signs point to a very bleak destiny...
By Holcomb, Jimenez and Flagg